

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** (debt/debtor)

**Scripture:** I Kings 19:1-18; Isaiah 43:16-19 and Philippians 3:13-14

**Sermon** “The Rocky Way”

**\*Hymn** “Bread for the Journey” **Insert—Verse 3**

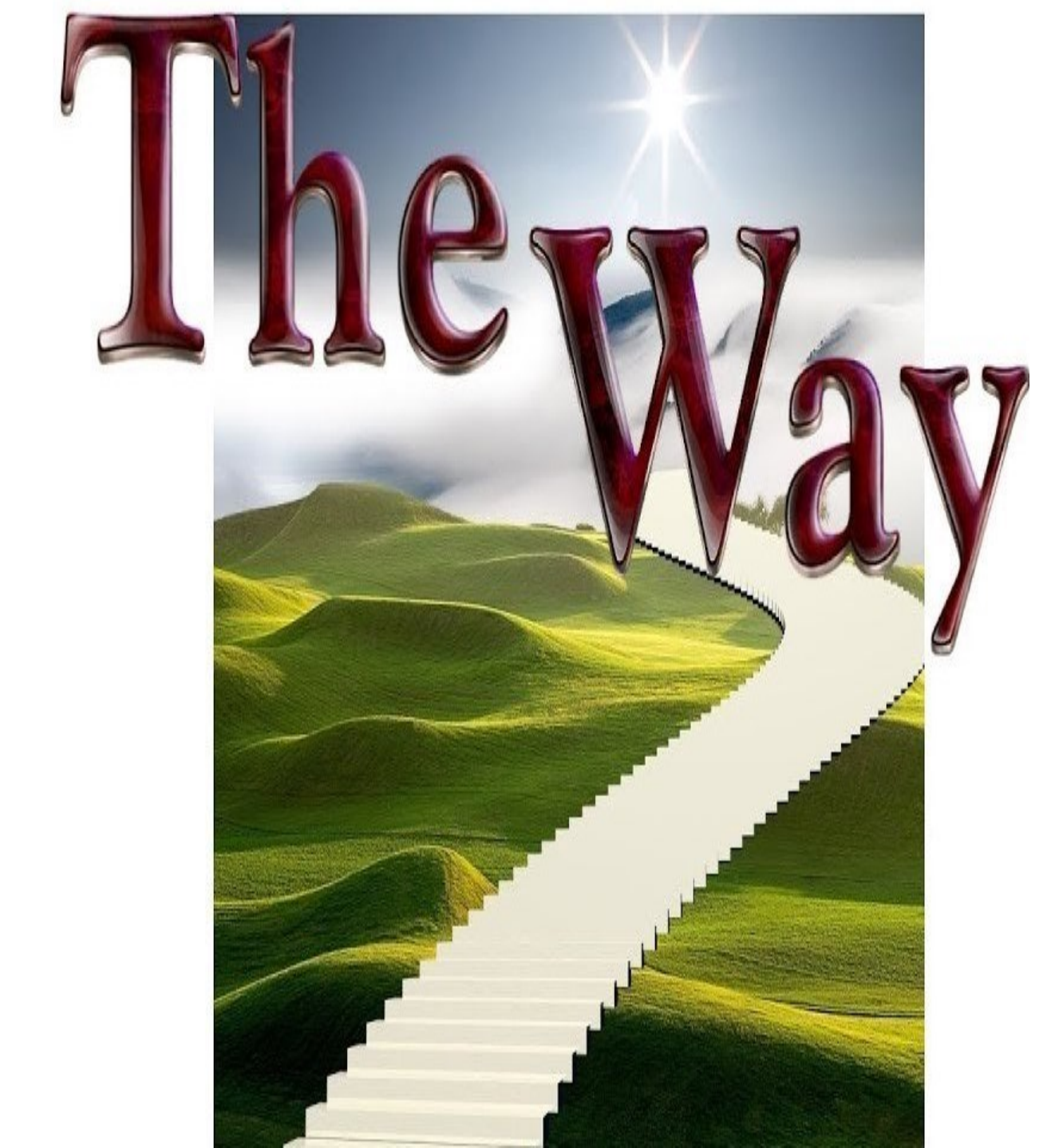
**Communion of God’s People** **Insert**

**Postlude** “Hymn” Caleb Simper

**Benediction**

Worship Participants	
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
David Parris	Sound
Maggie Weller	Liturgist
Jackson Weller	Time for Young Disciples
Susan Mathena	Security, side door & offering
Barry Cutright	Greeter
Brenna Takata & Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School
David Clark & Kathy Dolianitis	Communion

*The flowers are given in loving memory of Ted Argyrakís  
by Pat Argyrakís and their children.*



# First Presbyterian Church

**March 27, 2022**

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

## Chiming of the Hour

## Welcome and Announcements

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>“O Rest in the Lord”</i>	F. Mendelssohn
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**Invocation:**

Lord, we come to you this morning with so many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and our steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us to discern what you would have us do, that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

## Call to Worship

L: Whatever God did in the past, the future is that much better!  
(even in Jerusalem)

**P: We will not stop looking for the newness God has for us!**

L: Whatever we have achieved to this point, we have not completed our journey. (even into the unknown).

**P: We will quicken our pace to follow Jesus wherever he leads.**

L: Whatever obstacles we put in the path, God will make a way to our hearts.  
(even in the desert of death)

**P: We will move onward, through our doubts and fears.**

**\*Hymn**                      “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”                      GTG #835

## Call to Reconciliation

Even now, God makes a way for us to be made whole. God wants to bring us out of despair and to fill our hearts with laughter. Please join me as we pray to the One who forgets our past to offer us a new future.

**P: Our tears are turned into rivers of grace; our weeping becomes glad cries of praise. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Unison Prayer of Confession

God, whose name is Grace: you are always in the business of surprising us with new lives, new dreams, new hopes. But we are so busy opening the boxes where we have stored the past, making sure that each item remains safe and unbroken, that we do not recognize what you are doing. We are so blinded by the dull reflection of our old habits, that we cannot see the fresh chances which are given so freely to us. Our senses are so deadened by our desires that we cannot smell the bouquet of joy that is in the air.

Forgive us, God of Joy. By your mercy, mend our broken lives. You move through us, rearranging the price tags on everything we value, so we might be able to let go of all that holds us back from faithful living. Then we can press on in following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of hope and wonder.

Silence is kept

## Assurance of Pardon

L: God comes to us to give living water to thirsty people;  
God comes to us to anoint us with the grace that wipes away our sin;  
God comes to fill us with joy.

### \*Passing the Peace of Christ—

*Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.*

**\*Praise and Worship** *"Gloria Patri"*

## A Time for Young Disciples

## Offering Prayer

**We come as children of God to offer grace to others; We give from our abundance to bless others with hope and healing; We offer our lives to you and others in serving with love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray you will bless these gifts and us. Amen.**

## Offertory

### \*Doxology

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy , holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:**

Please come forward via the center aisle (maintaining space between participants), receive and partake of the elements, and return to your seat by the side aisles. You may dispose of your cup in the baskets located near the side aisle.

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION:**

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

**GTG#517**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.*

*Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Announcements**

Our Lenten meal will be Wednesday March 30th at 6:00 p.m., please use the bulletin insert to sign up or call the church office. Team 1 will be in charge.  
This week our meal will be King George pork tenderloin, veggies, salad, bread and Victoria cake.

Membership Committee will meet briefly Wednesday March 30th at 5:30 p.m.

Property Committee will meet Tuesday April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Day Circle will meet Monday April 4th at 12:30 p.m. at the church. Evening Circle will meet Monday April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bernadine Hayes.

Session will meet Tuesday April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

It’s that time of year for our FPC Scholarships. If you are graduating high school or reapplying to college, please stop by the office and get your scholarship application. We will be accepting applications through April 30th.

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.  
Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
We can be found on the web at [www.fpcdanville.com](http://www.fpcdanville.com) or on Facebook.  
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